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	10/827,208	TSENG ET AL.	
	Examiner Alissa J. Tompkins	Art Unit 3765	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 February 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,3,5-12,14-17 and 22-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,3,5-12,14-17 and 22-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 20 April 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Applicant's amendment filed on 2/21/06 has been received. Claims 1, 3, 5-12, 14-17, and 22-30 are pending.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because the figures that are shown on page 2 do not convey where they are located in relation to the glove. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and

informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Information Disclosure Statement

The listing of references in the specification is not a proper information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.98(b) requires a list of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office, and MPEP § 609.04(a) states, "the list may not be incorporated into the specification but must be submitted in a separate paper." Therefore, unless the references have been cited by the examiner on form PTO-892, they have not been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1, 3, 5-12, 14-17, and 22-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The golf glove

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saving pad of claims 1, 15, and 22 is claimed to be non-compressible and have uniform thickness. This information was not originally in the specification or in the claims and is considered to be new matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3, 5-6, 9-12, 14, 22, 23, and 26-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hauser (U.S. 5,896,584). Hauser shows a sports glove that has a compressible pad attached to the palm portion improving a wearer's ability to grasp an object. The inner layer and outer layer are attached in a conventional manner such as sewing or use of an adhesive (Column 4, 30-35). The inner and outer layers are made of different materials. The inner layer is made of a resilient and compressible material while the outer layer is made of natural or synthetic leather or the like (Column 4, 35-42). The surface of the pad has a non-slip surface allowing stronger grip for the wearer. The pad can be easily removed or replaced due to the use of glue or sewing. The pad has a generally irregular pear/oval shape (Column 2, 44), allowing it to fit easily into the palm area of the wearer.

Claims 7-8,13, 15-17, 24, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Douglas et al. (U.S. 6,105,162). Douglas shows a glove having removable and replaceable saving pads that can be used for various sporting activities to help keep the wearer's hand protected (Column 2, 3-10). The gloves core material contains a foam material, which may be formed of various flexible polymers such as a non-woven polymer or rubber latex. The foam material provides air permeability allowing airflow throughout the padding. The glove has protective pads that have releasable connection allowing movement to the palm and finger area of the glove.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 2/21/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant submits that there are two critical differences between the current application and Hauser ('584). Applicant argues that Hauser's patent emphasizes and starts with "a compressible pad...." while the glove saving pad of the current application is non-compressible. Applicant also argues that Hauser emphasizes his compressible pad has a convex surface while the current application has no convex surface but rather is uniform in thickness. As stated above, the new claim limitations that were added were not originally in the specification or in the claims and are considered to be new matter. However, applicant's specification describes in detail the types of material that are used to make the golf glove saving pads. For example, on page 4 of the applicant's

specification, it is stated that the inner layer of the saving pad is made of thin, lightweight, porous, elastic, self-adhering material. The outer layer of the saving pad is made of a flexible, non-slip, non-self adhering material. It is well known to one of ordinary skill in the art that this type of padding would in fact be compressible. There is no information given in the original specification that would lead one of ordinary skill in the art to believe that the padding was non-compressible. The details in the specification also would not lead one to believe that the padding was uniform in thickness. Any material would inherently have some degree of compressibility along with some degree of non-compressibility.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alissa J. Tompkins whose telephone number is 571-272-3425. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 830-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Welch can be reached on 571-272-4996. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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